

## Council Approves Detailed Site Plan for Greenbelt Station

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council approved the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for Greenbelt Station South Core Phase 3 at its February 22 regular meeting on a 5 to 1 vote, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed and Councilmember Edward Putens absent. The approval was conditioned upon the removal of two housing units.

The plan will now be reviewed by the Prince George's County Planning Board on March 10. Since both the city (under the terms of the development agreement signed by the city and the developers) and the county must approve the plan before construction begins, the city's conditional approval sets up the possibility of further city action being required if the county approves the full number of housing units.

Since a previous version of the DSP discussed in October

2015, five units have been added to the plan, two since council's December review. It is these last two units that the city is seeking to have removed.

City Planner Jessica Bellah noted that while the applicant, Woodlawn Development Group, has consistently argued that the number of units is less than that permitted by the development agreement, that agreement was based upon the original concept of a mix of condominium apartments and retail. At the November 16 worksession, she told council that the planning staff advised the developer when switching from condominiums to townhouses that they would need to reduce the number of units.

### Issues

When the planning staff and city horticulturalist reviewed the DSP, they initially recommended 45 conditions for approval. The developer had accepted many

of those during discussions with city staff, and all but five were resolved at the February 8 council meeting. By the February 22 discussion, there were just two issues that had not been able to be resolved at the staff level: the replacement of the PlyWall sound barrier with a masonry wall and the number of units.

### Sound Wall

Since the February 8 meeting, the developer had submitted further justification of the wood material, including the analysis of a sound engineer that the PlyWall would reduce sound to the required decibel levels. They further argued that PlyWall and masonry had similar lifespans and that replacing a masonry sound barrier would be cost prohibitive to the homeowners association and disruptive to the community, requiring heavy cranes and the presence of a Washington

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## Winter Youth Musical Uses Many Talented Greenbelters

by Chris Cherry

That incessant sound you may be hearing this week in Greenbelt isn't the premature awakening of the cicadas, but rather the whirring of sewing machines all over town, as stitchers race to finish costumes for the March 5 opening of the Greenbelt Youth Musical.

This year's production is The School For Super-Heroes Presents Orlando Furioso, The Musical. As the title implies, the show features a play within the play, which doubles the costume requirements for the production.

Fortunately, Greenbelt abounds in both artistic talent and community spirit. Costuming a big cast (40 teen actors in this year's production) generates work for many hands. Greenbelters Les-

lie McLaughlin, Sue McKinley, Anne Gardner, Christopher Shuman and Sue Smithers are among the many folks contributing their time and talent to the cause. Meanwhile, cast member and Greenbelt resident Julian Pitts has been putting the finishing touches on an impressive array of swords, including Durindana, Orlando's enchanted blade.

City staffers get into the act as well. Becky Sutfin is hemming capes (because students who attend a school for super-heroes receive a hero cape at a graduation, rather than a cap and gown, naturally), while Suzie Noaman is using her calligraphy skills and knowledge of Arabic to embellish the shields carried by the Saracen warriors in Orlando Furioso.

Overseeing all this work is production designer Nicole DeWald. Over the last several years, she has spearheaded a dramatic upgrade in the costuming and stagecraft for the annual youth musical, as well as for the summer shows presented by Creative Kids Camp. Her magical designs for past productions are currently featured in Worlds Of Wonder, the new exhibit in the Community Center gallery, along with works by several equally gifted colleagues, including Kate Magill Robinson of Camp Encore and

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, February 27**  
**9 a.m. to Noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building  
**10 a.m. to Noon**, Rain Garden Workshop Series, Public Works Office  
**Sunday, February 28**  
**2 to 4 p.m.**, Children and Animals Safety Workshop, Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse  
**Monday, February 29**  
**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession, Zoning Re-write, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)  
**Tuesday, March 1**  
**7 p.m.**, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center

## Greenbelt Mathcounts Team Makes It to the Top 10

by Karen Yoho



The Greenbelt Middle School Mathcounts Team (l-r): Alexander Swisdak, William Huang, Meegane Konchou, Chinedum Chike and Daniel Yuan.

A team of students from Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) made it to the top 10 of the Potomac Chapter Mathcounts Competition, receiving honorable mention. The team was the only Prince George's County Public Schools team to receive that honor.

Sixth grader Daniel Yuan ranked fourth in the individual competition and will advance to the state competition. Yuan defeated all top students from Montgomery County schools in the countdown round and ranked first in the individual countdown competition.

Team members included Alexander Swisdak, William Huang, Meegane Konchou, Daniel Yuan and Chinedum Chike. Assisting the team as coaches were GMS teachers Dr. Santosh Gupta and Myrna Natividad, independent math teacher Catherine Asaro and Shuai Yuan, parent of Daniel Yuan. Shuai Yuan and Natividad stepped in to work with the team when the former coach stepped down due to illness. "While other teams had months of preparation,

our team of just three sixth graders had only a few weeks, and added two strong seventh-graders less than 10 days before the competition," said Coach Yuan.

"The team competition result is beyond my imagination, considering all of our students are from sixth and seventh grades and we were competing mostly with eighth graders from Montgomery County," he said.

Mathcounts is one of the largest nationwide middle school mathematics competitions. The competition has four levels: school, chapter, state and national. A chapter level competition usually covers middle schools from multiple counties. The Potomac Chapter competition includes middle schools in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. According to Coach Yuan, this competition is considered one of the toughest chapter competitions. The Maryland team was ranked second in the national competition last year, and all four students in the Maryland team are from the Potomac Chapter.

## Explore Your Greenbelt



The Greenbelt Community Foundation will launch its Fourteen Days of Greenbelt trivia contests starting March 1 on its Facebook page to promote the 14 organizations it has supported and their works in our community. Each morning, a hint describing a specific organization that has been supported by the Foundation will be released. Later that same day, the Foundation will announce the answer as well as the winner of the day. Readers can post their answers in comments, then share it. Tag Greenbelt Community Foundation and use the hashtag #exploreyourgreenbelt to be eligible to win a prize.

Beginning in April, the Foundation will celebrate its 10th anniversary with the Explore Your Greenbelt! campaign. Each month two organizations previously supported by the Foundation will be featured.

Since 2006 the Foundation has been promoting commu-

nity projects in all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods that build upon the ideals of collaboration, cooperation and engagement through the generous participation of individuals and organizations. The Foundation has been able to reinvest \$141,000 to underwrite more than 50 creative new projects in the community. One example is the remaking of the Greenbelt Museum's orientation film that covers the issues of racial segregation and women's roles in the establishment of Greenbelt that was not previously covered. It is more relevant to the progressive audience of today and it has inspired visitors to better understand the importance of Greenbelt's rich history.

Sponsors of the Explore Your Greenbelt! Campaign include Paradyne Management; McNamee, Hosea, Jerrigan, Kim, Gregnan and Lynch, P.A., a business law firm; and CM Shaw and Associates.



A carolina wren finds a suet feeder in the snow



# Letters to the Editor

## From an Avid Reader

The One Hand Clapping? editorial published on February 18 prompts this letter. Consider this confession: I am addicted to the Greenbelt News Review and I don't see recovery any time soon. Every Thursday morning, immediately following morning prayers and the reading of a Bible passage, I fire up my iPad and turn to the Current Edition of the Greenbelt News Review online. Invariably, I read it cover-to-cover and earmark the pages I intend to photocopy for posterity when I arrive at my office. And, I frequently recommend that the Beltway Plaza Merchants' Association advertise events in the GNR as frequently as the BPMA can afford. Certainly, without question, I agree with the editorial staff that "...it's the most effective available resource for integrated information on local businesses, municipal activities and city-wide topics." Frankly, I have no idea how I managed to keep abreast of what's happening in Greenbelt before I discovered the GNR. So enamored of it am I that I make it a point to whole-heartedly recommend it to newcomers as essential weekly reading.

What columns do I find most compelling? That's a tough one – it's so jam-packed with current matters of interest. For sure, the complete, concise and accurate, non-partisan reporting of City Council meetings and worksessions; the schedule of city information and description of Community Events; and, of course, the compelling biographies of local heroes. Let me assure you of this, one and all, I am going to maintain my subscription, whatever the cost.

Marc "Kap" Kapastin  
General Counsel  
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Beltway Plaza Mall

## City Notes

Public Works met with WSSC regarding various water leaks in town and a street maintenance/special details crew repaired the Buddy Attick Lake Park path where there had been a large water main break.

Currently on view at the Community Center Art Gallery is Worlds of Wonder: Production Design with the Greenbelt Recreation Department. This show features select costumes, masks, puppets and set pieces from Creative Kids Camp, Camp Encore, the Winter Youth Musical and Dance Performance Club productions.

Joyce-Marrel Kolenky joins Greenbelt CARES as the new Green Ridge House Service Coordinator.

## Upcoming Events at the New Deal

Thursday, February 25, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open-Mic hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, February 26, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Sidleys bring their melodic and soul-influenced indie-rock from venues like The Kennedy Center and Blues Alley to the Café from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 27, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The 5-1-2 Experience offers up tantalizing R&B and neo-soul of the past and present from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 28, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Petrified Pickers

## Thanks

Having read in the News Review about the scheduled 50th Anniversary concert of the Prince George's Philharmonic Orchestra, I attended the Saturday evening performance at ERHS. I was there to hear my former neighbor Lora Katz on her French Horn. Always a delight.

Not since the last Chris Cherry production have I felt as encouraged by the energy and ability of our youth. A group of possibly 75 young men and women outfitted in tux and gown regaled us with their Latin choral presentation.

They are inheriting a damaged planet and a disruptive world in need of creative responses. Clearly they are up to the task.

Patricia Novinski

P.S. Thank you, Shana, for your Greenbelt themed cartoons.

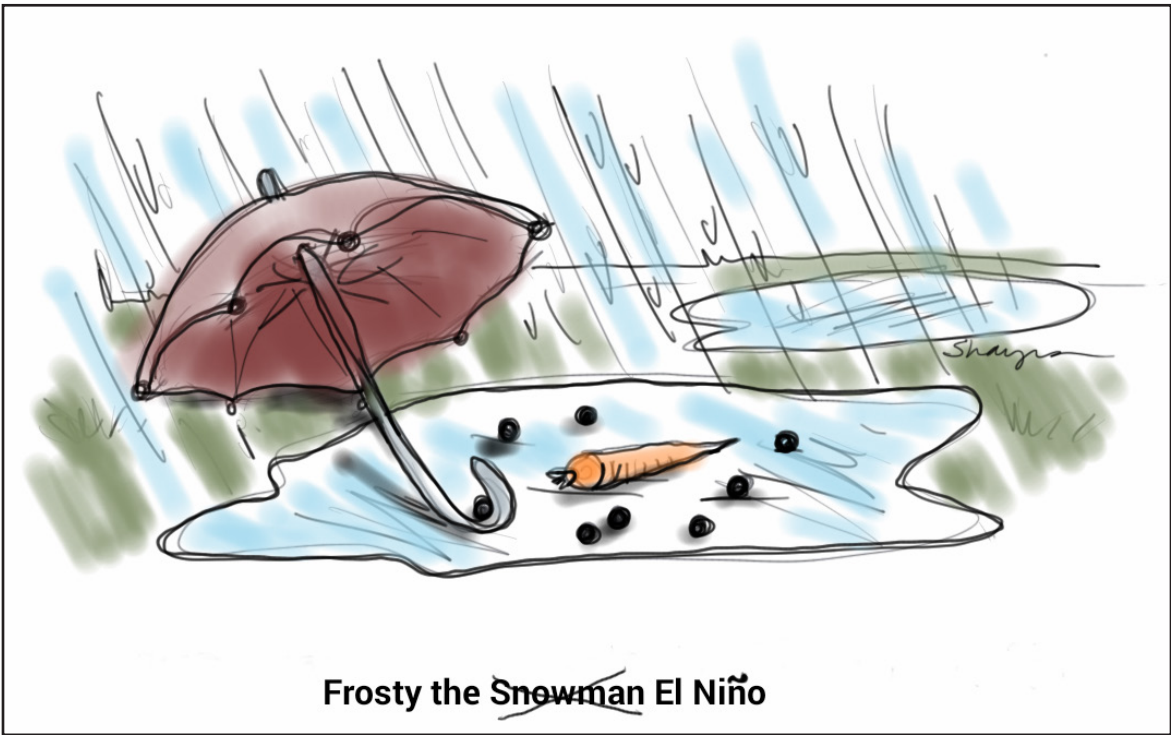
## Maryland Readers

I am a fifth grade student in Harlan Intermediate School in Harlan, Iowa. My class is studying the geography and history of the United States. I am excited to learn more about your state of Maryland. I would really appreciate if you could send me maps, information or souvenirs of your amazing state.

My awesome teacher, Mrs. Newlin, would like a car license plate, if possible, for a school project. I really appreciate your time and look forward to learning more about Maryland.

Thank you!

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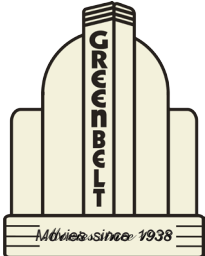
## On Screen

### The Lady in the Van

The Lady in the Van runs another week in Greenbelt accompanied by numerous positive reviews from a wide variety of critics. The primary reason for this is the remarkable performance by one of the great ladies of current (and, indeed, past) cinema: Maggie Smith. At 82 years of age, Ms. Smith hasn't lost a step. She plays the part of a homeless woman who calls herself Mary Shepherd and has been living on an upper middle class street in London for some years, parking her ugly yellow van in front of one home or another. When real life playwright Alan Bennett moves in to one of the houses, Mary moves too – right into his driveway. Like his neighbors, Bennett is befuddled and occasionally appalled by a sharp-tongued and quite uncouth senior citizen – definitely not your sweet old grandmother. As they interact with each other over a 15 year period (!), much becomes clear about the difficult and painful past Mary has endured, and Bennett's uncertainty about how to cope with her – and his own – life.

PG-13. Running time: 105 minutes

- Peter Curtis



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(PG-13) (CC) (105 m.)  
Fri. 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Sat. 1:00 PM, 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC), 3:15 PM,  
Mon. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Tues. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Wed. 1:00 PM, 3:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM  
Thurs. 5:30 PM, 8:00 PM

Cult Series:  
CLUE (1985)  
(PG) (97 m.)  
Fri. 11:00 PM  
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Family Series:  
BOY & THE WORLD  
(PG) (85 m.)  
Sat. 11:00 AM

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 6 -10 p.m.



# Community Events

## MakerSpace Events

Friday, February 26 at 6 p.m., there will be a special Soup Swap. Participants fill six plastic one-quart containers with their favorite soup then freeze. Everyone goes home with a variety of soups. Email [ellen.hoch@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.hoch@gmail.com) to participate. At 7 p.m. the Fermentation Fan Club will meet.

Saturday, February 27 from 10 a.m. to noon is Robotics class, open to all ages. Participants will be doing the missions from First Lego League. Adults are welcome as well as kids; there will be advice and guidance along the way.

Sunday, February 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. is a new, free Animation Workshop taught by local artist Ola Betiku. Those interested in participating can contact [evenbrettell@gmail.com](mailto:evenbrettell@gmail.com) to sign up. This will be the second class.

Tuesday, March 1, First Lego League has post-season training from 6 to 7 p.m. From 7:30 to 9 p.m., the Arduinos class will introduce participants (ages 12 and up) to the fundamentals of Arduino programming.

Wednesday, March 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. is Knit Night for knitters, crocheters and other fibers enthusiasts.

Friday, March 4, features First Friday Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Join friends and neighbors in playing games of strategy like Settlers of Catan, Fluxx and Dominion.

## Senior Softballers Seek New Teammates

The Greenbelters seek new players with a desire to play competitive softball. Men must be 60 and older, women at least 50. Spring training begins in March. For details, call Manager George Harrison at 301-538-3636 or Deputy Manager Jasper Pendgrass at 202-321-0909.

## Concert at ERHS

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School All Bands will be held on March 4 at 7 p.m. in the ERHS Auditorium. The concert features the Roosevelt, Concert and Symphonic bands and the Wind Ensemble. Each group will play the pieces prepared for the county music festival.

## Turner to Hold Listening Session

Todd Turner, Prince George’s County Council Member for District 4, will hold a series of Listening Sessions, including one in Greenbelt. The Listening Session will provide an opportunity for Turner to provide citizens with an update on the District 4 priorities and an overview on the county’s fiscal situation heading into the fiscal year 2017 budget and to discuss issues that are important to the community.

The Greenbelt Listening Session will be held Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Contact Tomeka C. Bumbry at (301) 952-3094 or [tcumbry@co.pg.md.us](mailto:tcumbry@co.pg.md.us) with questions.

## Public Works Offers Compost Workshop

The Greenbelt Public Works Department is hosting a free introductory workshop on composting basics on Saturday, March 5, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Public Works building. Everyone is welcome whether new to composting, have been composting for a while, or just looking to become more environmentally conscious. Greenbelt residents will have the opportunity to purchase a discounted compost bin while supplies last.

There are many agricultural, horticultural and environmental benefits to composting. For one, composting improves soil structure by making the soil more friable. Crumbly textured soil allows air, water and energy to move more freely through the soil. The increased amounts of microorganisms contribute to higher nutrient uptake and resistance to plant diseases. Moreover, composting improves water-retention in soils, allowing plants to stay healthier longer in dry conditions. Lastly, composting reduces the amount of organic wastes that end up in landfills. RSVP to [ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ejosephitis@greenbeltmd.gov) or 240-542-2168.



## GIVES Quarterly Meeting March 12

The GIVES (Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service) quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

It is at the quarterly meetings that residents of Greenbelt, looking for a way to give or receive service from fellow residents, can learn about this organization that works in the founding spirit of Greenbelt: one of sharing service and helping to make Greenbelt great.

New members are always welcome and can come to meetings or stop in the office in the Community Center Senior Lounge. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

## GHI Notes

Friday, February 26, Office closed. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, March 2, 2 p.m., Ad Hoc Bylaws Task Force Meeting, Board Room Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

More Community Events  
are located throughout  
the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents  
Sunday, Feb. 28th & Wednesday, March 2nd  
Beginning at 8 PM

“Walk Right In”, “Redemption Stone”,  
“Suddenly Zinat”, “Sinister” and “Posey (2013)”

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### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 2016

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 52A-F Ridge Road and 54A-M Ridge Road
- Review Member Consent Rules in the Member Handbook
- Assignment of Tasks in the Board Action Plan to the Communications Committee
- Recommendation to Revise Article XVI. Occupancy Criteria in the Member Handbook
- Requests for Contributions from External Organizations
- 2016 Gutter Cleaning Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Contract for Designing Drainage Improvements, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- 2016 HIP Building Envelope Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- 2016 HIP Electrical Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- 2016 HIP HVAC Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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### Week of February 26

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Gods of Egypt, in 3D, PG-13\*\*  
1:50, 9:30

Gods of Egypt, in 2D, PG-13  
11, 4, 7

Triple 9, R

11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:50

Kung Fu Panda 3, PG

11:20, 1:40, 4:45, 7, 9:10

Deadpool, R

11:10, 1:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

The Witch, R

11, 1:40, 4:50, 7, 9:50

Race, PG-13

11:10, 2, 4, 6:50, 9:10

Ride Along 2, PG-13

11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

Creed, PG-13

11, 1:50, 4, 6:50, 9:40

#### SUNDAY – TUESDAY

Gods of Egypt, in 3D, PG-13\*\*  
1:50

Gods of Egypt, in 2D, PG-13  
11, 4, 7

Triple 9, R

11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:15

Kung Fu Panda 3, PG

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Deadpool, R

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The Witch, R

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Race, PG-13

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Creed, PG-13

11, 1:50, 4, 6:50

#### WEDNESDAY

Gods of Egypt, in 3D, PG-13\*\*  
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Gods of Egypt, in 2D, PG-13  
11, 4, 7

Triple 9, R

11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:15

Kung Fu Panda 3, PG

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Deadpool, R

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The Witch, R

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Race, PG-13

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Ride Along 2, PG-13

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Creed, PG-13

11, 1:50, 4, 6:50

#### THURSDAY

London Has Fallen, R (preshow)  
7:10

Zootopia, PG (preshow)  
7

Gods of Egypt, in 3D, PG-13\*\*  
1:50

Gods of Egypt, in 2D, PG-13  
11, 4, 7

Triple 9, R

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Our deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Christopher Linstrom, who died on February 17. Dr. Linstrom grew up in Greenbelt, one of nine children of Mary and John Linstrom.

We send condolences to Terry Henderson and her family following the February 14 death of her mother, Carolyn Rose Leve-  
rone, who lived in North Beach, Md. Early in her career at the Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development in the 1970s, she achieved recognition as the first woman in the county serving as a building inspector.

Condolences to the family and friends of Lucie MacKinnon who died on February 13.

Congratulations to the Mathcounts Team from Greenbelt Middle School that made it to the top 10 of the Potomac Chapter Mathcounts Competition and received an honorable mention. Also, cheers to sixth grader Daniel Yuan who ranked fourth in the individual competition and will advance to the state competition.

Kudos to Thea Burgess, who completed her second master’s degree. She graduated from American University in August 2015 with a master’s in special education: learning disabilities and a 3.97 GPA.

Share your accomplishments, milestones or news for the next Our Neighbors column. To send information for Our Neighbors, email [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com) or leave a message at 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho

### Pet Safety Event At Schrom Hills Park

W.A.G.S. (Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter) is holding a free Children and Animals Safety Workshop on Sunday, February 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Schrom Hills Community Park Clubhouse. The purpose of the workshop is to educate children and their parents about companion animals (dogs and cats) with particular emphasis on identifying an animal’s stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites.

There will also be an opportunity to meet a Greenbelt animal control officer and learn about the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter and Your Dog’s Friend, a non-profit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training. Register by sending an email to [wagsgbas@gmail.com](mailto:wagsgbas@gmail.com) or calling 301-397-2212. There is no charge for the workshop.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

# Obituaries

## Rose Lucille MacKinnon



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS MACKINNON

### Rose Lucille MacKinnon

Long-time Greenbelt resident Rose Lucille (Lucie) MacKinnon died February 13, 2016. She was born on August 8, 1925 to Paul and Dorothy Cordell in Washington, D.C., grew up in Silver Spring and attended the University of Maryland. She worked as a proofreader and editor for a variety of organizations, including the American Red Cross and The Kiplinger Newsletter, and later worked for the Hyattsville Library. Lucie lived in Greenbelt for over 20 years, moving here after her husband died. She was a volunteer for the News Review. She was an avid pool goer and met many people through those activities.

She married Doug MacKinnon in 1946, after meeting him on a blind date. They had two sons, Bruce and Jamie. Lucie is preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law (Cheryl and Jessie), three grandsons (Ross, Sam and Ian), three great grandchildren (Jack, Fiona and Elin) and many friends.

Lucie was truly a selfless person, always putting others before

herself. She will be kept alive in the hearts of her family and friends. No service is planned.

## Christopher Linstrom



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### Dr. Christopher Linstrom

Christopher J. Linstrom, M.D., who grew up in Greenbelt and lived in New York and Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., died suddenly on February 17, 2016. He was 65 years old.

He had been the surgeon director of otology, neurotology and skull base surgery at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York City. He was professor of otolaryngology at the New York Medical College, Valhalla, N.Y., and had been a visiting professor in otolaryngology at The Medical University of Southern Africa, Pretoria, South Africa. He was a Fellow of the American Board of Otolaryngology, the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada) and the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr. Linstrom was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Greenbelt. He finished degrees in philosophy and music at the University of Maryland. His medical

studies and internship were taken at McGill University, Montréal. While in medical school, he founded and was the president of the McGill Faculty of Medicine Refugee Fund to benefit the Boat People from Vietnam.

He was the partner of Sweet Khing Hong; son of Mary and John Linstrom, now both deceased; brother of Mary (David) Major, John (Karen) Linstrom, Katherine (Jeffrey Griffin) Linstrom, Nora (Stephen Burch) Linstrom, Joan (Kenneth Jones) Linstrom, Gerard (Allison Lentz) Linstrom, Elizabeth (Larry Burch) Linstrom, David (Stacy Humphrey) Linstrom and had many nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Friends may call at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, February 26, 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church of Greenbelt, followed by interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery in Bladensburg.

In lieu of flowers his family has requested donations be made in Christopher’s name to Franciscan Friars, Province of

The Sacred Heart, P.O.Box 137, Loretto, PA15940 and/or McGill University Faculty of Medicine, 1010 Sherbrooke West, Suite 1210, Montreal, Canada H3A2R7 in the name of The Linstrom Family Fund to support the medical education of students from low income families.



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**African History and Culture**

Tuesday, March 1, 7 p.m. A Hard Road to Freedom: Maryland, The Civil War, African Americans, and Emancipation in Maryland will be the last session of the Winter 2016 season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, renowned historian of the African diaspora.

**Explore Matriarchs**

Saturday, March 5, 2 p.m. Join the beginner's genealogy program, presented by Nathania Branch-Miles and Greenbelt branch information staff, as part of a Women's History Month celebration. This event will include an overview of the library's free online resources to help patrons research their family trees. Miles, currently affiliated with Howard University, serves on the board of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society and is a researcher, lecturer and author.

**Letter-writing Session To Help the Earth**

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will offer a letter-writing session on Wednesday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center.

Learn how to write to elected officials and newspaper editors so that earth-friendly measures are enacted. We will write letters about the following issues: federal Clean Power Plan, Maryland RPS/Renewable Portfolio Standard (Clean Energy Jobs Act) and the ban on fracking in Prince George's County. All materials will be supplied.

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Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 201. On the Agenda: Review of Applications for Recognition Group status, and Proposal to repurpose a newspaper box at the corner of Southway and Crescent Road to provide free magazines at the adjacent bus stop

Thursday, March 3 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/Greenbelt East Advisory Committee**, at Hunting Ridge.

*The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

**Rain Garden Workshop Series**

**Rain Garden: February 27 from 10am-12pm**  
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**Thursday March 10, 2016 7:00 PM**  
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The "Listening Session" will provide an opportunity for me to provide an update on the District 4 priorities, an overview on the County's fiscal situation heading into the Fiscal Year '17 budget, and discuss issues that are important to you and your community".

If you have any questions, contact Tomeka C. Bumbry at (301) 952-3094 or [tcumbry@co.pg.md.us](mailto:tcumbry@co.pg.md.us).

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# Student Scientists Shine at ERHS Science Fair

by Jacob Taylor

The science fair at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) looks less like a stereotypical high school science fair and more like project presentation day at an undergraduate college. Far from cute and tactile projects like baking soda volcanoes and potato batteries, the tables at this fair held February 10 sported posters on topics such as surgical robotics, password encryption and water toxicity. According to chemistry teacher Coit Hendley, these posters had to follow the format used for master’s thesis presentations.

Over 600 projects were on display, filling the auditorium from wall to wall in long rows.

The projects were divided into 16 categories that ranged from plant sciences to robotics and intelligent machines. Each category was awarded a first, second and third place winner.

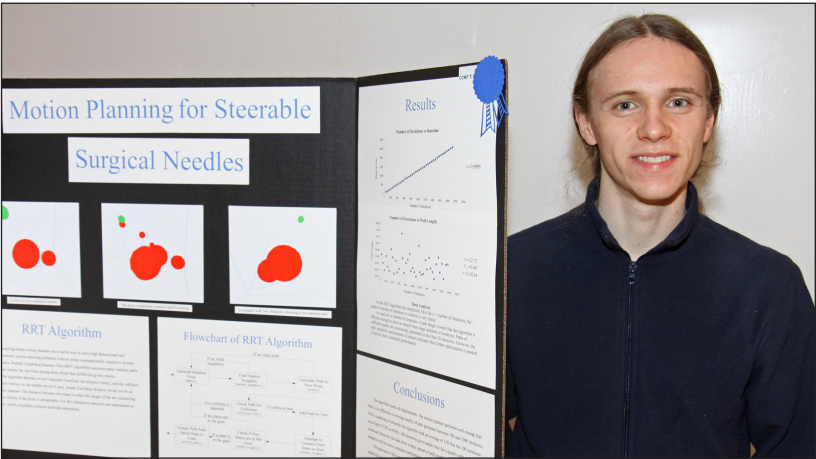
The judges also selected two projects for the first and second place grand prize.

David Gardner won the first place grand prize this year for his project on steering surgical needles in a three dimensional environment. Gardner says he plans to expand upon his project ahead of the county-wide science fair. His project currently allows a user to designate a single injection spot; he hopes to make it possible for the needle to deliver injections at multiple locations in a single movement. Gardner said he could probably get by academically with his project as it stands, but he nonetheless feels that it is incomplete. “I’m basically at a point where other people have gotten in this research. I want to do something new with this project, not just show that I can do what others have already done,” he said.

The grand prize winners and the top three medalists from each category are eligible to attend the regional science fair on March 18. Biology teacher Jennifer Morganthaler says that students from ERHS “tend to do very, very well at regionals.” Dr. Robert Jones, a chemistry teacher at ERHS who mentored some of the student projects, emphasized that young scientists need to learn how to explain their work to people.

He said the annual science fair is “great training for how to create a project and how to present it.” At the very least, Hendley says, these projects are where many students “first pick up their interest.”

Katharine Toth won first place in the animal science category for her work on creating better tracking devices for wild ducks.



David Gardner won the Grand Prize at the ERHS STEM Fair.

PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

The current method, she says, involves surgically implanting a tracker into the duck’s body. Toth’s project focused on solar powered trackers that could be attached to the ducks with a removable harness.

She found the research interesting and would consider doing similar work in the future. For now, she plans to “study biology in college and narrow it down from there.”

According to some of the teachers involved in the fair, it is not at all unusual for students to continue the research they do here into college and beyond.

ERHS, in addition to its normal high school curriculum, hosts a science and technology program that draws students from far beyond its neighborhood.

The program is considered extremely rigorous and features

a capstone called the research practicum. Morganthaler said the practicum really challenges students, especially because so many of them work with new and cutting edge material. That was certainly true for Clara Janzen, who won second place in the math category for a project that applied game theory to the U.S. strategy against the Islamic State. Janzen said of her project, “the whole thing was almost a nerve wracking process because I’d never done anything like this before.”

Jacob Taylor is a graduate student in journalism at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

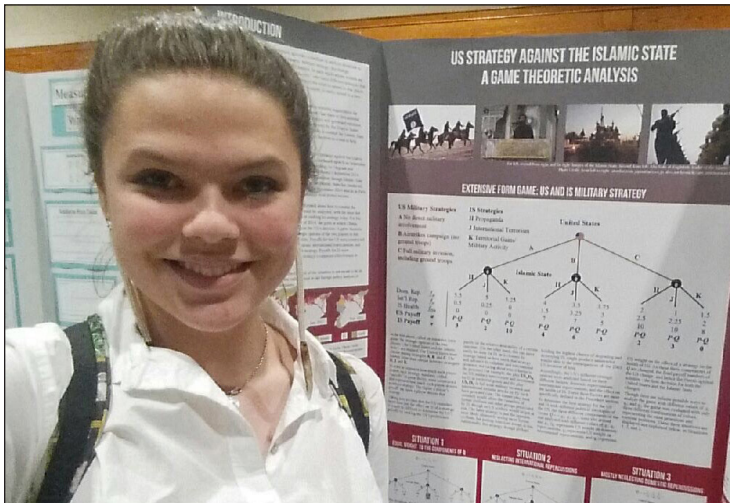


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Clara Janzen explored the U.S. government’s tracking of ISIS using mathematical game theory.

Grand Prize	
• 1st Place David Gardner	
• 2nd Place Marcus Robinson Cates	
Animal Science	
• 1st Place Katherine Toth	
• 2nd Place Denise Mae Restum	
• 3rd Place Rosetta Irons & Jayson Taylor	
Behavioral Sciences	
• 1st Place Thomas Brittan-Powell	
• 2nd Place Liam Greaves	
• 3rd Place Madison Cruz	
Biochemistry	
• 1st Place Christopher Gagnon	
• 2nd Place Claudia Carter	
• 3rd Place Irfan Jamarussadiq	
Biomedical & Health Sciences	
• 1st Place Alexandra Drumming	
• 2nd Place Afua Nyame-Mireku	
• 3rd Place Hernan Osorio	
Cellular & Molecular Biology	
• 1st Place Kailey Held	
• 2nd Place Nicholas Randolph	
• 3rd Place Sally Feng	
Chemistry	
• 1st Place Josiah Elong	
• 2nd Place Selim Boulabara	
• 3rd Place Demi Morris	
Computational Biology & Bioinformatics	
• 1st Place Camilo Melnyk	
• 2nd Place Ashleigh Jacobs	
• 3rd Place None	
Energy: Chemical & Physical	
• 1st Place Aleonna Scott	
• 2nd Place Taylor Daniels	
• 3rd Place Kiera Smith	
Engineering	
• 1st Place Amanda Hong	
• 2nd Place Betty Alta Rubhahamra	
• 3rd Place Mylenna Meniece	
Earth & Environ. Science, Environ. Engineering	
• 1st Place Emma Grier	
• 1st Place Elaine Perry	
• 2nd Place William Nguyen	
Materials Science	
• 1st Place Mitchell Moore	
• 2nd Place Scott Candy	
• 3rd Place Elizabeth Mulvey	
Math	
• 1st Place Muhammed Muhie	
• 2nd Place Clara Janzen	
• 3rd Place Eschiel Rochmis	
Microbiology	
• 1st Place Marcus Robinson Cates	
• 2nd Place Ivy Antunes	
• 3rd Place Sandra Maduforo	
Physics and Astronomy, Embedded Systems	
• 1st Place Andrea Aguilar	
• 2nd Place Christine Bailey	
• 3rd Place Donovan Harvey	
Plant Sciences	
• 1st Place Julian Carter	
• 2nd Place Kristine Pham	
• 3rd Place Darian Ruffin	
Robotics & Intel. Machines, Systems Software	
• 1st Place David Gardner	
• 2nd Place Vinaichandra Rachakonda	
• 3rd Place Charles Dawson	

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# New Deal Art Show by Christine Wilkin

by Elizabeth Barber

Two large, sad brown eyes stare out through a tangled pile of scattered words--words that are sketched like wind-blown tree branches.

They belong to two paintings entitled Incoherent chatter. Hanging side by side in the first room of the New Deal Café, they are works by Christine Wilkin. You can't miss them.

Is this a language hovering over the sad eyes? If so, do these words represent something like a scream? Is this a current political statement...a reaction to the free-for-all elective process?

Surrounding the central large work are six nicely framed paintings done in the same sketchy style.

Turning to the far wall and going around the room, we explore several pathways, each one bending and turning into a different painting technique.

Over in the corner is a large acrylic work entitled Moving Forward. This work shows six hands, each pointing in a different direction. Is this painting a clue to the entire show? The works seem as

if they were painted by several different artists.

For instance, across the back wall are six more paintings, all watercolors. These works, each beautifully framed, are done in a lyric, transparent, sweet style. The theme is of children and sings softly, sweet and kind. It feels as if we are with someone new.

In the back room we meet a lovely acrylic. Fish swimming among water plants glide through vivid colors of blue, green, violet and gold.

On the far wall is an interesting watercolor of a lion. (Why there are mice on the lion's head is a mystery.)

We pause to view two excellent watercolors: one of an eagle, the other of a humming bird,

both worked into intricate, vibrant designs.

Another acrylic, entitled Blackbird Singing, is of a male guitarist, his long, braided hair gradually turning into a swarm of blackbirds.

Another mood greets us on the back wall. Lying on her side, a young girl rests with her head propped up. It is done in a bold, colorful style. Could this be a self-portrait?

Welcome to the community, Ms. Wilkin. Thank you for taking us on such a diverse journey. Greenbelt is a wonderful place for artists to work and to grow and to share their efforts.

Christine Wilkin's work will be on display at the New Deal Café through February 29th.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN



Blackbird Singing



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Sunday, February 28, The Native American Period at Greenbelt Park. Join a park ranger to learn about the Nacotchtank Indians. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 28, Still Creek clean-up. Join the Friends of Still Creek and park volunteers to help keep the watershed clean. Meet at the Ranger Station at 12:45 p.m.

Sunday, February 28, Campfire Program: Stewardship Opportunities for the Centennial. How does one become a camp host? What is the volunteer trail crew and what does it do? To what other visitor services can volunteers contribute in 2016? Learn about the positive impact of volunteers on the park and how to join the stewardship team. Campground guests and the public are welcome to attend a traditional campfire program at the Campfire Circle at 4 p.m.



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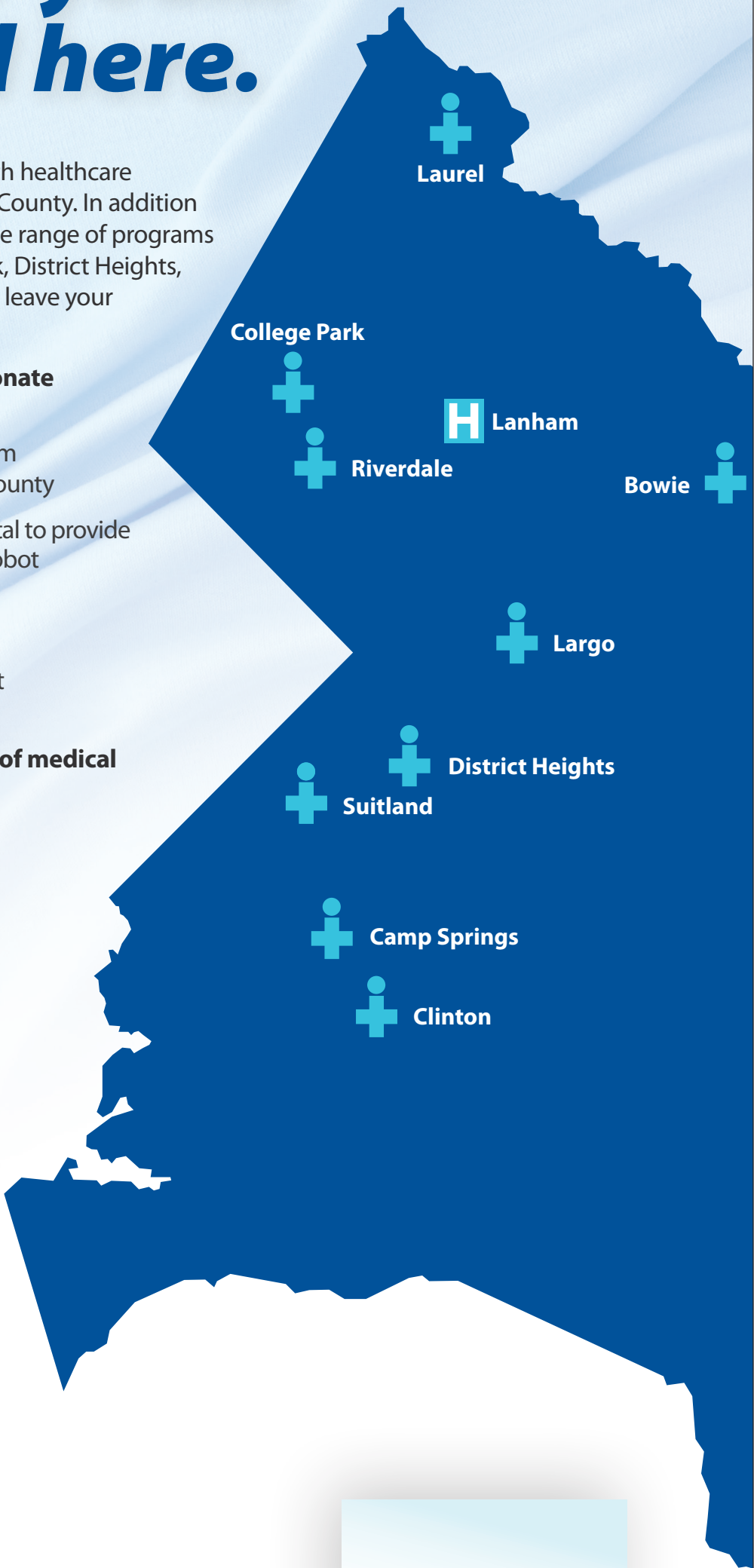
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# Four Cities Celebrated in Video and Song

by Amy S. Hansen

Greenbelt is one of “four hidden gems” in the metro area, according to Mayor Emmett Jordan. On February 20, Jordan joined leaders from the city and neighboring communities to say it is time to stop hiding. To that end, Welcome To The Four Cities, a seventeen-minute video, premiered at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on February 20.

With interviews from officials in Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton and College Park, the video takes an upbeat, musical and sometimes whimsically fast-paced view of the area. Produced by Greenbelt videographer Bill Cornett, the project highlights the different housing possibilities, the proximity of the Beltway and Parkway, the closeness of large government facilities such as NASA Goddard, the many festivals in all four



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

**Officials gathered for the premiere of the Four Cities video. Front row: State Delegate Alonzo Washington, Berwyn Heights Mayor Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmember Konrad Herling, New Carrollton Mayor Andrew Hanko, Videographer Bill Cornett, Councilmember Judith Davis, Councilmember Ed Puttens. Back row: Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan and New Carrollton councilmember Lincoln Lashley.**

towns, as well as restaurants, stores, markets, libraries, schools and the overall livability of each city.

The video can also be taken in pieces so each municipality can separately use the footage. In addition, Cornett said there is a great deal of unused footage that the cities are welcome to search through.

With about 25 people attending, the premiere was loudly applauded. After acknowledging the many people involved, Cornett ex-

plained how he got some of the interesting shots. For example, the clip of a plane taking off at College Park Airport took only seconds on the screen but required several months of diligence to coordinate. The movie closes with a catchy Four Cities song that Cornett pulled together with musicians from several of the featured municipalities.

Councilmember Konrad Herling was one of the officials who worked for over a year to get the project done. He said the video will be distributed to the FBI and the General Services Administration as the Bureau continues debating its move. Existing businesses will also be invited to use the video as a recruitment tool.

The video is posted on greenbeltmd.gov as well as on the city’s blog and YouTube channel.



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

**Videographer Bill Cornett used shots from Eleanor Roosevelt High School as part of the Four Cities video.**

## Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police)  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

February 2, 7:25 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road. Two men approached another man waiting at the bus stop on the Greenbelt Road side of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, displayed a handgun and demanded his boots. They fled after getting them.

### Sex Offense

February 12, 8:50 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 13-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for two counts of fourth-degree sex offense and second degree assault after he allegedly touched a person inappropriately as she was walking up the stairs of an apartment building. He allegedly had done the same thing to her the day before. He was positively identified and subsequently released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

### Assault

February 12, 12:28 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A man at the Greenbelt Metro Station asked a cab driver to take him to Breezewood Court. He then asked to be let out in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. When he and the cabbie engaged in a verbal dispute over money owed, he displayed a handgun, told the cabbie to stop yelling and fled on foot.

### Theft

February 11, 4:40 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. An unsecured black Marin San Rafael model bicycle was taken.

February 11, 8:30 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A woman reported her wallet may have dropped out of her coat while shopping at Safeway. One of her credit cards was later used in an attempt to make a purchase.

February 17, 3:30 p.m., 7601 Hanover Parkway. A cell phone was taken from an unsecured locker at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

February 17, 6400 block Ivy Lane. A mounted salt spreader machine was taken from the rear of a truck and the electronic control box was taken from inside the vehicle.

### Burglary

February 10, 9:10 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. Two wedding rings were taken from a residence.

February 12, 2:28 a.m., 100 block Centerway. A safe and cash register were removed after forced entry into the Sunoco service station.

February 12, 10:43 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A woman asleep in bed heard a noise at the bedroom window and saw two men tampering with it. They fled on foot.

February 13, 6:39 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A tablet-type computer and a lamp were taken after a residence was entered by breaking out a balcony window.

### Trespassing

February 12, 3:34 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 30-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with trespass after being found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Vehicle Crime

A grey 1996 2-door Toyota Tercel with N.Y. tags GVZ2116 was taken from the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane.

A front tag was taken in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road and two Md. tags 3BG7577 were taken from the 6500 block of Capitol Drive. Two tags, Md. 4BX2096, were not returned to the seller of a vehicle by the person buying it. The buyer and seller are known to each other and an investigation is continuing.

A handicap placard was removed from a vehicle in the 6000 block Springhill Drive after the driver-side window was broken.

Four reports of vandalism were received. A portion of a rear vehicle tag was pulled off in the 6100 block Breezewood Court, the windshield washer nozzle on a vehicle was vandalized in the 6200 block Springhill Court, a tire was punctured in 32 Crescent Road and a hole was drilled in the gas tank of a vehicle in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

# Water Main Break At Buddy Attick Park

by Kyla Hanington

Greenbelt residents were impacted by a water main break in Buddy Attick Park on Wednesday, February 17. Originally reported as affecting customers in the vicinity of Lakeside Drive, the break in the 78-year-old, 14-inch pipe had Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) workers searching for the source of the problem. Approximately eight customers on Lakeside were without water on Tuesday afternoon, according to Lyn Riggins of WSSC. She explained that when a main breaks, workers “have to isolate the closest valves in order to isolate main.” Due to the location in Buddy Attick Park, WSSC was initially unable to “get a good shutdown” and had to return on Wednesday to shut off more valves. Wednesday’s work affected Lastner Lane, leaving 56 customers without water until the main was fixed just after midnight on Thursday morning.

WSSC’s practice is to deliver bottled water to customers who are without water for six hours or more and those deliveries were made to Lastner Lane. Riggins said eight customers on Lakeside did not receive water as WSSC had originally understood that Tuesday’s valve closures were done in such a way as to not impact water supply to customers.

WSSC serves Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, with 5500 miles of sewer pipe and 5600 miles of water mains. They have “an aggressive replacement plan,” Riggins said, working with engineers to identify water mains most urgently in need of replacement and replace 55 miles of pipes each year. The pipe that broke on Tuesday would have been put in the ground in approximately 1938, just a year after people first took up residence in the newly-created community of Greenbelt.

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Metropolitan Transit Administration (as the wall is directly adjacent to the Metro tracks). Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze told council that staff’s recommendation for masonry was based on aesthetic, not functional grounds.

Councilmembers Leta Mach and Judith Davis and Mayor Emmett Jordan all voiced support for permitting the PlyWall sound barrier, although Davis initially proposed expressing a preference for masonry. That version got no support from her colleagues. Roberts was skeptical about the claims that the two materials were comparable in blocking sounds, as well as the claim that the two had equal lifespans, and made clear his preference to retain the recommended condition.

### Other Conditions

City planning staff recommended dropping its previous recommendation that all lots be at least 1,240 square feet. Legal staff for the county planning board found that the county code does not impose a minimum lot size for Greenbelt Station. When Roberts asked if Greenbelt was

bound by county standards, Craze said that while the city could set its own standards, staff was looking for a plan that could be approved and relying, to some extent, on the expertise of the county planning staff.

### What If?

Near the end of the February 22 meeting, Project Attorney Norman Rivera told council that while they would prefer to keep the two units, the PlyWall issue was Woodlawn’s top priority. However, he did not agree to remove the units but merely stated that they would continue to work with city planning staff as well as wait to hear from the county planning staff on their review of the plan.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked what would happen if the county approved the plan without the city’s condition. Craze said that council would have to determine how to proceed regarding enforcement of the development agreement. Davis suggested that it would be to the city’s and the developer’s benefit if they could resolve the number of units issue prior to reaching that point.

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Angella Foster of the Greenbelt Dance Studio and alight dance theater.

The community-centered stagecraft program mirrors the community-building format of the youth musical itself. The Greenbelt Youth Musical is an open-enrollment program, which means that every young person who signs up is cast in the show. The cast members forge strong bonds of mutual support and encouragement as they work together on a project that requires the contributions of all.

Community is also the central – and timely – theme of the upcoming play. In a world at war, the School For Super-Heroes has expanded its enrollment, admitting several teenagers whose powers are not typically heroic. Inspired by Musical Theater Kid, they produce the most ambitious high school musical in history, based on the swashbuckling 16th-century epic, Orlando Furioso. In their re-imagined version, the tale reveals that the greatest hero is one whose power is to welcome outsiders, embrace differences, and forgive enemies, transforming conflict into community.

Parts of the story are extreme-

ly funny, while others are deeply moving. One poignant aspect of the play is how timely the underlying story is. The original epic by Renaissance poet Ludovico Ariosto first appeared in 1516, exactly 500 years ago. Yet the main setting of Ariosto’s story, amid sectarian warfare in Paris, resonates even more strongly with us today. Likewise, an episode in the epic that takes place in Syria is recounted in the current play with new meaning in light of current events.

Performance dates are Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 6 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. All performances are in the Community Center gymnasium/auditorium. Advance ticket purchase is advised, as the youth musical



PHOTO BY ANNE GARDNER

Recreation Department staffer Ivy McCormick works on costumes for the show.

regularly sells out. Contact the Community Center business office (301-397-2208) for tickets and more information.

Sunday Library Hours

The Greenbelt Branch of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System will be open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. effective March 6, 2016. The new hours will offset the impact of the New Carrollton Branch’s closure for renovations. Other library branches with Sunday hours are Fairmount Heights, Hillcrest Heights, Hyattsville, Oxon Hill, South Bowie and Spauldings.

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A Review

# Omnipotence? No. Laughter? Yes!

by Jim Link

How can a lowly scribe, an inkstained wretch, breathe a negative syllable against God? He can't!

So I will praise Rich Potter's God: The One Man Show now at Greenbelt Arts Center, hoping to curry favor at the Last Judgment. Accepting Pascal's Wager that the shrewd gambler bets that God exists and wins an eternity of bliss if correct, my money's on God. Granted, such faith is logically dubious and a tad forced.

Potter's existence, at least, is blazingly self-evident and belief in his plethora of talents is unforced, once you've seen his manic one hour "lighthearted prequel to The Bible which can be enjoyed by people with a sense of humor, whether believers or non-believers."

Potter dazzles with his juggling skills, magic tricks, multiple clothes changes, comedic timing, clever patter and excellent ability to cajole audience participation.

Clothing two volunteers with fig leaves to play a faux Adam and Eve worked hilariously. God's apology for creating Kim



PHOTO BY KARL GARY PHOTOGRAPHY

**The Creator of the Universe has a last-minute deadline frenzy in "God: The One-Man Show" at Greenbelt Arts Center Friday-Sunday Feb. 26-28**

Kardashian resonated with the audience: "She challenges my capacity for unconditional love."

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You will get no enlightenment about why evil exists, how there can be three persons in one God, how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, whether or not Cain married his sister or the nature of God's gender, if in fact She has one.

Brilliant professional clowns like Potter can't be bothered with such piffle.

But he – er, I mean, He – will give you cascades of laughter if you come out on Friday, February 26 or Saturday, February 27 at 8 p.m., or on Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m.



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Rich Potter



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This Year Just Because They Weren't Sure Which Forms  
To Use and Might Benefit From a Second Opinion!

*(Don't Let Uncle Sam Keep Your Hard Earned Money This Tax Season!)*

**Congress has passed some very confusing tax laws! To protect yourself from filing an "incorrect" tax return this year and missing out on a ton of cash that is supposed to be YOURS, you better call a tax professional to help you get ALL the money you deserve back from the IRS!**

Hi, my name is Bob Newland and I have been a tax professional in this area for 31 years. I have an office on Route 1 near Wendy's, and an experienced "hand picked" staff. Robert C. Newland & Associates will not only prepare your tax return, we will help you keep the highest amount of money legally possible, **AND**, if we prepare your return, **We Will Electronically File Your Tax Return with the IRS AND the State of Maryland for FREE!**

**All this is backed by our total "PEACE OF MIND" GUARANTEE**

How does it work? It's simple, really. We are going to bend over backwards to make sure you are well taken care of. If we don't achieve that goal, tell us. If we can't make it right to your satisfaction, **we will give you your money back PLUS \$40 FOR YOUR TIME AND TROUBLE!** And, if there is ever a problem on your tax return, we will fix it and pay any penalties caused if we made a mistake. That's our "Peace of Mind" Accuracy Guarantee.

No other tax firm (that I know of) makes such a strong claim, but we believe that choosing Robert C. Newland & Associates to prepare your taxes should be a "risk free no brainer." But just in case you are still not sure, I am also throwing in a Special Bonus Offer of a **\$40 discount for the first 50 new clients who respond to this message before February 28, 2016.** It's ourway of saying, "Thanks for Trusting Us To Be Your Tax Professional!"

## HURRY!! AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

The bad guys may have your personal information from hacked retail store accounts, colleges and the government entities. File your tax return before the bad guys file a bogus return and get away with stealing your identity. Let the bad guys have their bogus return bounce because you got your legitimate return to IRS before they did. If you are a procrastinator or slow to get around to it, get help from someone who prepares tax returns full time and works long hours as needed to get the job done.

## 2015 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) CHALLENGE FOR SELF-FILERS

Even if you are a capable self-filer, you may want to consider seeking our help this year. IRS has Staff Action responsibility for the entire U.S. GOVERNMENT collection portion of fees relative to the ACA implementation, including taxpayer reporting, tax assessment, and tax collection procedures In order to fulfill their responsibility, IRS depends on information made available to them from three sources.

1. The market place, i.e. individual insurance companies provide information to IRS in a regimented format about your health care insurance.
2. The insurance exchanges.
3. Completed forms coming to IRS from individual taxpayers such as yourself as part of the annual tax season reporting activities.

If the information going to the IRS on your health care from the three sources does not reconcile, you and as many as half the tax return filers, even those assisted by paid preparers, may get correspondence from the IRS. This is partially because of errors in reporting by the market place or insurance exchanges and the trial-run basis of the IRS forms that taxpayers are completing. In addition, your tax information may bounce back and forth between IRS and the state to get further exchange information or other clarification. Consequently, in a large majority of tax filings, it may be mission impossible to get all the information to reconcile due to the fickle finger of fate. Please consider, though, that someone who prepares tax returns full-time may be slightly better able to avoid correspondence-causing presentations to the IRS. Never the less, responding to correspondence can be time consuming and it could be handled for you by your paid tax preparer.

### CALL TODAY!!

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March 15, 2015 and bring  
this coupon with them.